GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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NOW AVAILABILITY OF METEROLOGY INSTRUMENTS AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether airports like Amritsar are without instruments relating to meterology;

(b) if so, whether the Airports Authority of India and the Directorate General, Civil Aviation are aware of this shortcoming at the Amritsar Airport;

(c) the number of airports in the country which are being regularly used for commercial flights and are being manned without adequate instrumentation for predicting weather wind velocities etc.;

(d) whether any survey has been done periodically on such matters by the Airports Authority of India and Directorate General Civil Aviation;

(e) if so, the details of the last national survey done in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide such instruments at Airports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) :- No, Sir. Amritsar airport has been classified as Class-III airport from meteorological point of view and has all the equipment required for such category. Generally there should be Runway Visual Range (RVR) measuring facility at airports having Instrument Landing System (ILS) and poor visibility conditions, but it is not mandatory and modified procedures are adopted for aircraft operation when visibility is low.

(c) :- All the Civil Airports in the country used for commercial flights have adequate weather instruments except Shimla and Gaggal aerodromes where there is no meteorological station and therefore Visual Flight Rules (VFR) are adopted for aircraft operation.

(d), (e) & (f) :- No, Sir. However, India Meteorological Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology undertake regular review of the facilities available and the same are upgraded/provided as per the need and availability of funds.